



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5446

LCO No. 1856

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT PREVENTING PAVING OF ABANDONED ROADS IN
PRESERVED LANDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 13a-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

3 Property owners bounding a discontinued or abandoned highway,
4 or a highway any portion of which has been discontinued or
5 abandoned, shall have a right-of-way for all purposes for which a
6 public highway may be now or hereafter used over such discontinued
7 or abandoned highway to the nearest or most accessible highway,
8 provided such right-of-way has not been acquired in conjunction with
9 a limited access highway. If any part of the discontinued or abandoned
10 highway lies within the boundaries of protected open space lands
11 owned by the state, a municipality or nonprofit land conservation
12 organization, a property owner desiring to use the discontinued or
13 abandoned highway may make improvements to such highway only
14 to the extent necessary to allow passage on such highway, and only if
15 no other reasonable access route exists. The provisions of this section
16 shall not be construed to allow the installation of utilities, signs or

- 17 structures without the permission of the landowner or owner of a
18 conservation easement or other interest in the property.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	13a-55
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Statement of Purpose:

To prevent paving of abandoned roads in preserved lands.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]